

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 26: LABOR AND INDUSTRY
Chapter 7: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

§773. MINORS UNDER 16; PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES

A minor under 16 years of age may not be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, hotel, rooming house, laundry, except those commonly known as automatic laundries, dry cleaning establishments, bakery, bowling alley, poolroom, commercial places of amusement, including traveling shows and circuses, or in any theater or moving picture house or in conjunction with an amusement, game or show that allows or conducts betting. The provisions of this section pertaining to theaters do not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed or in training as theatrical actors or film actors. This section does not prohibit a minor under 16 years of age from performing work for a nonprofit organization that preserves film and other moving images and provides education and research opportunities for the public or for a theater that is operated by such an organization as an integral part of its mission. [2001, c. 43, §1 (AMD).]

The provisions of this section pertaining to manufacturing establishments shall not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed in retail establishments where any frozen dairy product or frozen dairy product mix or related food product is manufactured on the premises, regardless of trade name or brand or coined name.

The provisions of this section pertaining to hotels do not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed in outdoor occupations on the grounds of a hotel or to minors 15 years of age who are employed in kitchens, dining rooms, lobbies and offices of a hotel. Minors 15 years of age are expressly prohibited from working in an area not listed as permitted and are expressly prohibited from performing room service, making deliveries of any sort to the hotel rooms or entering the hallways to those rooms. [1997, c. 347, §2 (AMD).]

The provisions of this section pertaining to manufacturing and mechanical establishments shall not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed on the grounds of a manufacturing or mechanical establishment, but who are assigned nonhazardous work which is performed outside of any building in which manufacturing or mechanical operations are undertaken. [1987, c. 401, (NEW).]

The provisions of this section pertaining to manufacturing or mechanical establishments, laundries, dry cleaning establishments and bakeries shall not apply to minors under 16 years of age who are employed in retail sales, customer service operations or office work for these establishments, provided that retail, customer service or office areas are in a separate room. [1987, c. 665, §1 (NEW).]

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, a minor under 16 years of age may be employed at a commercial place of amusement operating at a permanent location, except that minors under 16 years of age may not be employed at games of chance as defined in Title 17, chapter 62 or hazardous occupations as determined by the director. [2009, c. 487, Pt. B, §12 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

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